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PATENT DIVISION

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT - AFTER FINAL

Applicant: John P. Holt, et al.) February 22, 2006
Appl. No.: 10/690,256) Attorney Docket No. RAR273.07
Filing Date: 10/20/2003) Group Art Unit 3683
Title: Trailer Locking System) Examiner: Siconolfi, Robert

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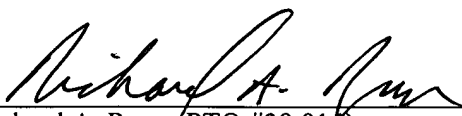
In response to the communication from the Examiner dated September 22, 2005, the applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, and reconsideration of the amended application be considered in light of the following:

1. The Examiner's Office Action dated September 22, 2005, provided for a three (3) month shortened statutory period, which expired December 22, 2005. This response/amendment is being filed on February 22, 2006, which is believed to be within the two month extension period in which to file a response/amendment. As a result, Applicant requests a two month extension and includes the one month extension fee of \$225.00 for the two month extension of time for a small entity. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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1 2. The following materials are enclosed herewith to comply with the Revised
2 Amendment Practice set forth in 37 CFR § 1.121:

3 a. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page
4 3 of this Response/Amendment.

5 b. Remarks begin on page 11 of this Response/Amendment.

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7 3. Please note that the Applicant is not making any arguments herein with regard to
8 the previous rejections, but merely placing the patent application in condition for allowance by
9 incorporating limitations of objected to claims into the independent claims.

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11 Summary of Claims:

12 Kindly amend claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 21, 24, and 31.

13 Kindly cancel claims 2, 3, 4 and 23.
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